

January 16, 2002


Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express my feelings about the Microsoft antitrust case. I sincerely hope that this settlement will be the end of the lawsuits. This is supposed to be free enterprise but Microsoft is being punished for running a successful company and inventing technologies that have changed our lives. I work for the government as a Chemical Engineer, and I use Microsoft products every day. Microsoft is not forcing anyone to use their products; consumers want the ease of using compatible products.

Please uphold this settlement, Microsoft is conceding far more than what has even been asked for. For example, Microsoft will now share its proprietary information with competitors, allowing them to more easily place their own programs on Microsoft's Windows operating system. It is a very reasonable settlement and will restore fair competition to the computer industry. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Federico B. Santa Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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